

FAIRHAVEN CHRISTADELPHIAN CHARITABLE FOUNDATION



WINTER 2017

You shall rise up before the grayheaded and honour the aged, and you shall revere your God; I am the LORD.
Leviticus 19:32

EVEN TO YOUR OLD AGE I WILL BE THE SAME. AND EVEN TO YOUR GRAYING YEARS I WILL BEAR YOU! I HAVE DONE IT, AND I WILL CARRY YOU; AND I WILL BEAR YOU AND I WILL DELIVER YOU.

ISAIAH 46:4

The older adults in our culture are often marginalized. Their contribution to society usually wanes with age and they are often pushed aside and forgotten. But our Heavenly Father calls upon His children to behave differently. We are exhorted to honour our parents and to care for the widows in their affliction.

The Psalmist reminded us that ‘those who are planted in the house of the Lord...shall still bear fruit in old age’ (92:13,14). The contributions of our seniors may change with time, but they are no

less significant. The simple attendance of an older brother or sister—who struggled against the afflictions of age to be at meeting—can serve as an exhortation to us all.

There is, however, a vulnerability that comes with age and opportunities for exploitation. In Proverbs we read of the warning against robbing one’s father or mother (28:24) and in Jesus’ day, the Jews would seek to circumvent their responsibilities through the use of the Corban provisions that, in effect, exempted them from caring for their parents’ material needs.

Older brothers and sisters in Christ are very much a part of our ecclesial family and their welfare becomes a corporate responsibility. As our population ages, this senior demographic will increase and correspondingly, so will the need.

A Jewish writer, Abraham Heschel observed, “The test of a people is how it behaves towards the elderly. It is easy to love children. Even tyrants and dictators...are fond of children. But the affection and care of the old, the incurable, the helpless, are the true gold mines of a culture.”

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NOTES OF THANKS

Although confidentiality remains a guiding principle behind the support we provide, we would like to share how grants from the Foundation have helped this past year.

"Please extend our sincere gratitude to all those involved with the Fairhaven Foundation. I felt a huge sense of relief ...let me tell you, it is a tremendous comfort to have the love and support of brothers and sisters who are able to help each other as you and the Fairhaven Foundation have provided for us. I am overwhelmed when I consider what our fellowship in the Hope we share really entails "

"I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks for granting me the money for basic necessities...I will use the grant for paying for rent, buying food and other basics...I promise to use the money wisely..."

"Thanks again for your generous consideration of our request. The [family] also express their heartfelt gratitude to the directors for your kindness. This has been a huge stress relief for them."

They currently require \$2000 to cover their outstanding obligations to Hydro. Is the Fairhaven Foundation able to assist us in this matter?



THE FOUNDATION'S TERMS OF REFERENCE

How can the Fairhaven Foundation be of assistance to your ecclesia? Are there health and welfare needs in your meeting that require attention, but ecclesial resources are strained or insufficient? The Foundation, operating under the applicable government regulations, may provide grants only to registered charities in Canada. We must disperse a percentage of our investment income each year, based upon a government regulatory formula.

Ecclesiastical bodies in Canada may request assistance from the Foundation by following these guidelines:

Only requests from Arranging Boards will be considered. Requests from an individual member of an ecclesia will not be accepted by the Foundation. Priority is to be given to the welfare needs of Christadelphian elderly, since this reflects the original purpose of Fairhaven House. If additional funds are available after meeting these needs, then more general health and

welfare needs of the Christadelphian community will be considered, followed by health and welfare needs of the community at large. Requests must be in writing and should document, in confidence, the need, the background, the amount of help required and the amount of help being provided by the ecclesia. It is expected that the ecclesia requesting support will also provide funds to assist from its own resources. It is preferable, if possible, that ecclesiastical bodies address emergency situations, and subsequently follow up with a request to the Foundation. The board of the Foundation considers requests at its semi-annual meetings in March and August each year. Emergency requests will also be addressed as quickly as possible.

Requests may be sent to:
The Fairhaven Christadelphian Foundation
c/o Sister Penny Sheppard, Secretary
39 Knox Avenue
North York, ON, M9L 2M2

It is important to appreciate that the primary responsibility to meet the welfare needs of our brothers, sisters and young people lies at the ecclesial level, and consequently the Foundation's role is to supplement, rather than supplant this ecclesial responsibility. We encourage ecclesiases to be actively aware of situations where there is a need, extend help, and then approach the Foundation as a funding partner.

AN APPEAL

In this low interest rate environment, income generated from investments has been inadequate to address the needs of recipient ecclesiases. The Foundation would welcome ecclesial and individual gifts to support this work. Donations may be made via PayPal on the website, www.fairhavenfoundation.ca or sent to the treasurer:

Sis. Jennifer Narjes
8 Royal Rouge Trail
Toronto, ON, M1B 4T4



IS YOUR HALL SENIOR ACCESSIBLE?

Accessing ecclesial halls can be a challenge for more senior brothers and sisters. If you own your hall, you may wish to consider making the building more accessible to those with limited mobility. Ramps, chairlifts or first floor washrooms can make the difference between being able to attend the service or staying home. To assist your ecclesia with these renovation expenses, you may apply to the Foundation for a grant of up to \$5,000 to defray the associated costs. Pictured above is the automatic door opener at the hall of the Burlington Mountain Grove Ecclesia who partnered with Fairhaven to cover half the cost.



Year End Financial Report

**Statement of Revenue,
Expenses And Fund Balance
For The Year Ending
March 31, 2017**

Revenue

Investment Income	5,590
Donations	1,300
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	6,890

Expenses

Grants	23,470
Professional fees	2,966
Administrative	122
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	26,558
Net Surplus (Deficit)	(19,668)
Opening fund balance	316,074
Closing fund balance	296,406